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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on September 18, 2001 (Paper No. 16). A one month extension of time is respectfully requested and the appropriate fee is submitted concurrently herewith.

Previously Filed Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant has submitted herewith a new modified Form 1449 listing previously cited GenBank sequences. Also submitted are the corresponding printouts from GenBank corresponding to these citations. The dates listed on the modified Form 1449 represent those at the upper right hand corner of the GenBank printout, and correspond to the date of publication of the sequence in the form as shown (or any other information update). Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these references.

In the Claims

A marked-up version of the claims is appended herewith as Appendix A.

Please add new claims 123 and 124.

Please re-write the claim set as follows: